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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/915,658 Confirmation No. : 9163  
Applicants : Gundu M. Sabde and Whonchee Lee  
Filed : July 25, 2001 Attorney Docket No. : 500163.04  
Art Unit : 1765 Customer No. : 27,076  
Examiner : Kin-Chan Chen  
Title : METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PLANARIZING MICROELECTRONIC  
SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLIES

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicants request continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application. Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated July 19, 2004, and herewith petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing this response from July 26, 2004, to August 26, 2004. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$880, which includes \$110 to cover the cost of the extension.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Submission previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed

on June 24, 2004.

- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

b. ☐ Submission enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

- ☒ Postcard
- ☒ Check
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
- ☐ Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 9, 2004

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